

JAPAN TO WAGE WAR ON GERMANY

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The embassy is not informed as to the intentions of the Tokyo government. It was pointed out yesterday, however, that the terms of the Anglo-Japanese alliance specifically provide for just such a situation as that now existing. In which Great Britain is at war, not in the Far East, but in Europe. The alliance provides that if England is attacked in any quarter in a way which may menace the safety of her interests in the Far East, Japan shall come to her aid if England so desires. Furthermore, it is pointed out that it would be easy to construe any war as menacing the British interests in the Far East, regardless of the fact as to whether any hostilities had occurred in those regions or not.

It is admitted that there is in Japan a war party, which has long been clamoring for a more vigorous policy in Tokyo with regard to China. It is also admitted that the Japanese army and navy have been ready for engaging in hostilities should Great Britain express a desire for Japan's assistance.

The United States government has not as yet, according to the statements made by officials, taken any step whatsoever in regard to the Far Eastern question in the recent war, though China suggested that this government might endeavor to bring the belligerents to agree to engage in no hostilities in the Orient.

Ambassador Bakhmeteff, of Russia, came to Washington yesterday from Newport, R. I., solely for the purpose of conferring with Secretary of State Bryan. Immediately after his audience with Mr. Bryan the Russian Ambassador returned to Newport.

The Ambassador and Mr. Bryan declined to make any statement regarding the purpose of the conference. Conjecture here mentioned the Far Eastern situation as one of the aspects of the European situation which might have been discussed, but no confirmation was obtained. It was pointed out that it would be more probable that Russia would appeal to London, rather than to Washington, if she sought to keep Japan from entering the war.

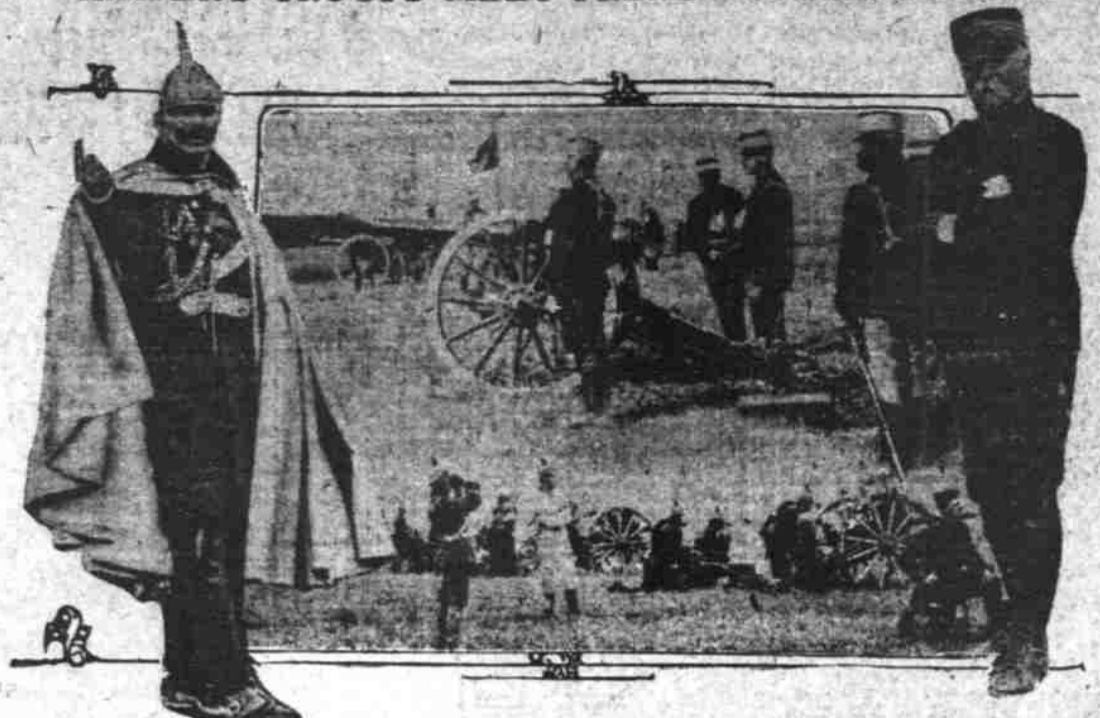
RUSSIANS ON GERMAN FRONTIER

St. Petersburg, via London, Aug. 15.—The Russian general staff today announced that Russian troops have discovered local railroad and telegraph lines in the province of East Prussia, at eleven points between Schmalenmengen, on the Russian frontier, and Tilsit. German troops also have damaged some of the frontier roads. On Wednesday the Twelfth German Division, accompanied by artillery, were discovered on the German frontier in the neighborhood of Kaibitz by the Russian troops. The Germans avoided coming into contact, retiring to the northwest.

CANDIDATE FOR U. S. ATTORNEY

Another entrant in the fight for the position of United States attorney for the District, to succeed Clarence R. Wilson, was found yesterday in John E. Laskey, a well-known member of the bar of this city. Mr. Laskey's name has been put alongside that of W. Wynne Gardner, who is a candidate.

KAISER'S TROOPS MEET FRENCH UNDER JOFFRE.



(Above) French artillery in action (below) German artillery on firing line. Emperor William, of Germany, now leading his troops (at left) and Gen. Joffre, head of the French forces.

The first reported victory gained by the German troops was scored when an overwhelming force charged down on the French invaders in Alsace and compelled them to fall back. The announcement of the German victory comes from the French war office at Paris, and is believed to be authentic. German war chiefs say the retreat of the Kaiser's forces in Alsace was in line with a plan to draw the French forces on into German soil and then crush them and crush them. The caution of Gen. Joffre, at the head of the invading French army, prevented the working out of the German plans, however.

MASONIC CLUB ELECTS W. F. GUDE PRESIDENT

Over 200 Master Masons Join New Organization—Committees Are Selected.

More than 200 Masons, prominent in the several branches of the order, met at the temporary headquarters of the Masonic Club, at the Hotel Hudson last night.

William F. Gude, president of the club, urged that every Master Mason should become a member of the club. Mr. Gude's speech followed a business meeting.

Among the members who spoke were: L. H. Troutman, J. A. Williams, J. A. West, A. B. Coolidge, L. S. Goldsmith, P. R. Pullman, W. R. Phillips, Rufus W. Pearson, and Bert V. Wolfe. C. C. Coombs, chairman of the organization committee, spoke encouragingly of the progress of the club, and said that he believed it would become an influential organization.

Officers of the club are: William F. Gude, president; Van H. Manning and L. H. Troutman, vice presidents; Dr. Willard J. Holmes, secretary; and John Wilson, treasurer.

The members of the organization committee are: C. C. Coombs, chairman; Bert V. Wolfe, secretary; J. A. West, E. Baldwin, E. St. Clair Thompson, A. B. Coolidge, John Wilson, L. S. Goldsmith, E. S. Schmidt, E. H. Taylor, L. H. Troutman, and E. A. Swingle.

The committee last night extended an invitation to all Master Masons to attend the Saturday night meetings.

ROOSEVELT RAPS PEACE TREATIES

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adopted, be inimical to the interests of the United States and of peace.

"These proposed arbitration treaties of ours would not be worth the paper on which they were printed if it became the interests of any great military power to violate them, and if it thought it could violate them with impunity.

"These proposed treaties bind us to submit questions affecting the national honor and the vital interest of the United States to the action of a joint commission. Of course, this means that we would have to submit the Monroe Doctrine itself to the action of a joint commission. To pass these treaties means the abrogation of sovereignty on our part, and the abandonment of our position that Old-World powers shall not territorially aggrandize themselves in the New World.

"As a matter of fact, I do not believe that the people of the United States would ever submit with tame acquiescence to an assault upon their national honor and vital interest, or that they would abandon the Monroe Doctrine. When such is the case, it is mischievous folly to make a treaty binding us to do the very things that we would not do, and that it would be criminal on our part to do.

There are 65,000 people in Calgary.

ROYAL ARCANUM OUTING HAS THOUSAND GUESTS

Kismet Council Returns After Merry Day at Marshall Hall.

More than 1,000 members, families of members, and guests of members of Kismet Council, No. 1586, Royal Arcanum, returned from the Marshall Hall outing last night.

Charles Hall won the two-mile swimming race. Following were the winners in the athletic events: Fifty-yard dash, girls, Martha Henshaw, Dorothy Collins, second; 75-yard dash, girls, Marian Hungerford, won, Helen Richardson, second; 50-yard dash, boys, William Richardson, won, Vincent Hungerford, second; 75-yard dash, boys, Henry Copperthite, won, Arthur Wingfield, second; 100-yard dash, boys, Alvin Whalen, won, Morris Moses, second; 25-yard dash, children under seven years, Arthur Danterman, first, Markel Paxton, second; 50-yard dash, open, J. W. Berkeley, first, C. F. Hepburn, second; potato race, Mrs. C. A. Wagon, won, Mrs. George D. Sullivan, second.

MAN WHO CLAIMED

TO BE 118 DEAD

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Capt. Goddard Ezekiel D. Diamond, who, according to his own statements and evidence was 118 years old, died here last night. He claimed to have been born in Plymouth, Mass., in 1796. His father was a veteran of the war of 1812, and he himself served through the civil war, enlisting in St. Louis in the commissary department.

HECK CHECK GERMAN ATTACK

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done owing to the strength of the French defense.

First Decisive Battle.
Paris, Aug. 15.—The French minister of war in an official statement this afternoon, said that the regular conditions under which the first decisive battle between the Germans and the allied forces will be fought. The statement is as follows:

"By reason of the abandonment of the attack which the Germans planned against Nancy our concentration has been carried out with regularity and in its entirety, and thus the whole of the French army will battle with the whole of the German forces with the exception of those German troops concentrated on the eastern frontier of the empire.

"The violation of the neutrality of Belgium has extended the Belgian and French lines to the frontier of Holland. The next battle therefore will be from Breda to Maastricht, with several millions of men on each side.

"It is this enormous extension of effectiveness and of front which will characterize the battle, and it will be profoundly different from all other battles." The communication adds that news of definite results need not be expected for at least eight days longer.

Second Statement.

An official communication issued this afternoon by the French ministry of war says:

"We know from the declarations of German strategists, such as Bernhardi, Falkenhayne and Von Der Goltz, that the German plan provides for a quick attack of the first line upon our covering troops to the north of the front.

"We know equally, without any doubt, that a second sharp and quick attack was to have been made by passing through Belgium and then immediately striking at the French frontier.

"This double-quick attack failed. That directed against Nancy was not attempted at the same time with the French, English, and Belgian armies."

EXPECT 1,000 GUESTS.

Church of Holy Rosary to Have Picnic at Huntville.

Members of the Church of the Holy Rosary will have their picnic today at Huntville Park, Md. A thousand or more guests are expected.

Arrangements are made to take the guests either by local Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis cars or by electric cars to Bessing station and from there to Huntville Park in automobiles.

There are the committees: Music—Signor Arturo De Marco. Games—James A. O'Shea, Salvatore Scialo, Joseph A. Torillo, John Laver, and others. Refreshments—Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Ellen Murphy, Mrs. Louis P. Gatti, Mrs. Margaret L. Cooke, Mrs. Waldeker, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. A. Enselmo, Mrs. Grindler, Miss Meisberg, Miss Louise Gatti, Miss D. Brignoli, Mrs. M. Donohue, Miss Flanagan, Mrs. D'Orso, Mrs. McDermott, Mrs. Meisberg, Miss Margaret Boswell, Miss G. Cotter, Miss A. Cotter, and Mrs. San Filippo.

Reception—Michele Pello, Francesco Giffre, Vincenzo Orlando, Carlo Facchini, Giovanni Anselmo, Guglielmo Pironi, Vito Colucci, Antonio Tassa, Antonio Verro, Giuseppe Tommaso, Aurelio, Marco Pica, Giovanni Bello, Savino Praticco, Guglielmo Maie, Cesaro Pica, and Filippo De Vito.

Finance—Michele Gatti, Stefano Gatti, Vincenzo Di Giorgi, Ignazio Amato, Giovanni Pironi, and Raffaele Maier.

Arrangements—Paolo Raggio, Giuseppe Schiavone, Andrea Anselmo, Gaetano Codella, Luigi Costantini, Michele Di Stasio, Giuseppe Migliacchi, Potito Tartaglia, Filippo Corvino, Giuseppe Balducci, Francesco Russo, Salvatore Sala, Onofrio Carullo, and Michele Mancuso.

A section of the Marine Band will be in attendance.

TO RESCUE LINER'S SURVIVORS.

London, Aug. 15.—The correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company at Trieste, Austria-Hungary, his dispatch coming by way of Amsterdam, telegraphs that the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company has dispatched the steamship Wurmbrand to Pola to bring to Trieste the survivors of the steamship Baron Gautsch.

The Baron Gautsch was destroyed by a mine off the island of Lussin, and 150 of the passengers and crew lost. An equal number survived, and most of them are without resources.

The captain of the Wurmbrand was authorized to advance the money necessary for the immediate needs of the rescued, who include many women.

REFUGEES DISCOUNT IMPRISONMENT THREAT

Copenhagen, via London, Aug. 15.—Russian refugees from Germany deny a report that Germany is imprisoning Russians because of a threat alleged to have been made by the Emperor of Russia to send all Germans in Russia to Siberia.

DR. MARDEN'S UPLIFT TALKS

THE POWER OF RIGHT THOUGHT

By ORISON SWETT MARDEN.

Suggestion and mental healing were dealt with in a report recently published by a committee consisting of ten representatives of the Church of England and two medical men under the chairmanship of the dean of Westminster.

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